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Members of the Ares Dragonboat Team paddle the 500-metre race course in False Creek on Sunday during the 24th annual Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival. Story, page 3. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Arrest was best-case scenario, police say

Triple-murder suspect. Wanted Alberta man caught at Aldergrove border crossing

A team of Edmonton Police Service investigators are in Langley, examining evidence and interviewing triple-homicide suspect Travis Baumgartner.

Supt. Bob Hassel, with Edmonton's criminal investigative division, said five homicide detectives and three forensics investigators made the trip to B.C. on Saturday night.

Baumgartner was detained Saturday just after 4 p.m. by U.S. border agents while attempting to cross into the United States at Aldergrove.

He was then arrested on Canada-wide warrants by RCMP for three counts of murder, one count of attempted murder and four counts of armed robbery.

He was arrested peacefully and without incident, "which was the best outcome we could have possibly hoped for," Hassel said Sunday. "Quite frankly, I'm very happy with the way it went."

Baumgartner was initially named a person of interest before being listed as an armed and dangerous suspect in a shooting at the University of Alberta just after midnight Friday, which left three armoured-car guards dead and one in critical condition.

All of the guards worked for G4S, as did Baumgartner.

Policing agencies and border officials were notified, and in less than 48 hours Baumgartner was caught at the border in his blue Ford F-150 truck, with his mother's licence plate and his Alberta driver's licence.

He also had approximately $330,000 with him.

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Dragon boats. Festival sees paddlers young and old gather at False Creek

Age is nothing but a number for the Grandragons. The mixed-seniors dragon-boat racing team — with members aged 55 to 85 — was one of the 180 teams that paddled False Creek Sunday in the 24th annual Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival.

Vince Schiralli, 65, spokesperson and last year's captain for the False Creek Grandragons, said winning the Seniors' Cup for a third year in a row is a result of hard work and good coaching.

"(Our coaches) treat us like athletes," he said. "They know how far they can take us and they don't treat us like a bunch of old senior citizens."

He said he also loves seeing the reaction of younger groups at the three-day festival. "Many times they'll look at us at the beginning and say, 'Oh a bunch of old folks,' and at the end they'll say, 'How the hell do they go so fast?'" Schiralli said. "Nothing gives us more pleasure than to see the shocked looks on young people's faces."

Grandragons captain Tom Oliver said the group burst on the Vancouver scene in 1997 and he encourages other older people to try out the sport.

Festival spokeswoman Anita Webster said though the paddlers weren't affected by the wet weather Saturday, attendance was down from its usual number of 10,000.

She said the participants were also excited to ride the nine new dragon boats, donated by Concord Pacific, in honour of the festival's co-founder, Milton Wong, who died of pancreatic cancer Dec. 31.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Park board commissioner Constance Barnes reacts while playing a friendly table-tennis match against NDP MLA Spencer Chandra at Car-Free Day on Denman Street Sunday afternoon. The annual event promotes alternative transportation and community engagement. DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Car-Free Day cruises through Van City

Green streets. Local events brought together artists, environmental groups, businesses and plenty of good food

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Thousands of Vancouverites cycled, rollerbladed and laced up their running shoes to make their way to Car-Free Day events around the city on Sunday.

Community organizations hosted events on Commercial Drive, Main Street and Denman Street in the West End as well as a block party in Kitsilano.

"It's my first year doing this and it has been awesome, people are so friendly," said West End resident Sukhi Kambo. "A lot of people have come from outside the neighbourhood to check it out, which is great."

The events brought together performing artists, environmental groups and local businesses and there were plenty of worldly food samplings from Mexican to Persian cuisine. Founded in 2008, Car-Free Day seeks to foster healthy communities, authentic cultural celebrations and car-free streets.

"A lot of people here cycle or walk to work and don't need a car," said Liz Carney of the West End Neighbours. "Some people need cars for business or to take the family places, but the car co-ops are doing well, so it's a real mix."

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Carney said there has been a steady increase in permit parking throughout the city and that has reduced cheap and accessible visitor parking. She said Car-Free Day is a good venue to explore alternative means of transportation, such as car-sharing programs.

City Coun. Adriane Carr spent the afternoon collecting signatures for a petition to ban oil tankers from the West Coast and planned to attend all three parties on transit. She said the city should continue to explore car-free zones like those implemented during the 2010 Olympics on Robson and Granville streets. "Look at the community — people are stopping and talking; it's a great atmosphere," she said.

Volunteer Tida Uraamporn, who came to Vancouver from Thailand to study English, said the event is a good way to connect with her new community.

"Reducing air pollution is important," Uraamporn said. "I've only been here two months but I think it's a good event to show what Vancouver is like."

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A new poll suggests Canadians see MP Justin Trudeau as the lagging Liberal party's ticket back to the top. Read more at metronews.ca.

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Memorial. Search-and-rescuers don black for fallen colleagues

Search-and-rescue officials in British Columbia were expected to wear black arm bands during a memorial service Sunday honouring two female colleagues killed during a training exercise.

Angie Nemeth and Beatrice Sorenson died June 3 when they were trapped under an inflatable boat that flipped in the Skookumchuck Narrows, a treacherous stretch of water about 120 kilometres northwest of Vancouver.

Randy Strandt of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue says the volunteer organization sought help from police and fire departments to plan today's memorial.

He says the service would be much like those held for fallen police and firefighters.

Local broadcaster Sean Eckford, who worked with Nemeth, says a high-school gymnasium has been set up to handle about 1,000 people.

The Transportation Safety Board says a report on the accident is at least a year away, but confirms there was a problem with a self-righting mechanism on the boat.

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Hit-and-run

Suspect vehicle described

Police in Delta have released the description of a car believed to have been involved in a hit-and-run that injured a young woman. The woman, in her teens, was walking with friends near 116 Street and 80 Avenue early Saturday when she was struck. The vehicle is described as a dark metallic blue 2009 Mazda. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Archeology

First Nations buy ancient cave site

Three First Nations have purchased an archeological cave site that dates back 10,000 years. The Doig River, Prophet River, and West Moberly First Nations say they've purchased the Charlie Lake Cave site near Fort. St. James in Northern B.C. They say they've been interested in the site for years because of early occupation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Launch and paddle to conquer Capilano River

A kayaker launches himself into the waters of the Capilano River for the paddle portion of the Red Bull Divide and Conquer event in North Vancouver on Saturday. The race included a run to the top of Grouse Mountain, a bike ride down Grouse Mountain to the Cleveland Dam and a kayak paddle down the Capilano River to Ambleside in West Vancouver. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mutilated cats likely killed by animal: SPCA

Investigation. RCMP still think human involvement could be possible given where cat remains were found

The culprit responsible for a spate of mutilated cats in suburban Vancouver is more natural than evil, says an internationally known forensic veterinarian.

After months of speculation, the B.C. Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced Friday they believe the killer of the cats is another animal, likely coyotes. It was feared the grisly remains were the work of a disturbed human.

Melinda Merck, who has worked on a similar case of cat mutilations in Florida and also helped out in the investigation of the massacre of sled dogs in Whistler, conducted necropsies on 40 animals — 20 cats, eight birds, one rabbit and a dog leg.

"A lot of the findings that we see with predation are different than what we might see with human involvement as far as mutilation," said Merck.

"The findings depend on the type of predator, it can be a domestic dog or it can be a more of a wildlife predator."

Some of the cats were found in two pieces, as if sawed in half, but Merck said it would not be difficult for a coyote to perform the damage.

The SPCA has closed the book on the case, but the RCMP still thinks human involvement may explain why some of the cats ended up in strange places, such as under a missing cat poster.

"From a policing perspective, our files aren't closed at this point," said RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen. "There's a few outstanding incidents where there could quite possibly have been, and quite likely was, some post-death human involvement in regards to how and where the remains were found."

Thiessen said the individual who may be responsible for such an incident would "clearly have some personal issues."

Despite finding no evidence of human involvement in the killing of the cats, the SPCA said it does not regret telling the public a person could be responsible. Marcie Moriarty, general manager of cruelty investigations, said the society took a cautious approach in case the perpetrator was someone who planned on killing humans.

She said initial pathology reports on the dead cats found the wounds were consistent with a machete or a hatchet, leading the SPCA to announce the possibility of human involvement.

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Award. Profs recognized for 'ecological footprint'

Two University of British Columbia researchers will receive an environmental award for developing a way to measure human impact on the planet.

Prof. William Rees and former UBC doctoral student Mathis Wackernagel will receive the Blue Planet Award, valued at $645,000, at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil this week for developing the concept of the "ecological footprint."

"It is deeply gratifying on a personal level to be so acknowledged by one's peers," Rees said in a statement.

The ecological footprint measures the earth's ability to produce resources for sustainable human consumption. It can be implemented at the individual, regional and national levels. The pair were chosen from a group of 98 nominees from 24 countries. METRO

Bird's eye view. Helijet launches helicopter tours of Vancouver

Downtown Vancouver as seen from the air on Friday. KATE WEBB/METRO

Rising demand for scenic helicopter tours has prompted Helijet to start offering $99 flights over Vancouver departing from its launch pad next to the Waterfront SeaBus terminal.

The flight is short — only 10 minutes for that price — but it takes you on a breathtaking panoramic journey over Stanley Park and False Creek: just enough time to make someone's day or pop the question.

"We've done a lot of proposals, or they'll do birthdays," said Jay Minter, Helijet's director of marketing.

He said chartered flights to remote fishing lodges and nearby islands are the company's bread and butter, but recently requests have picked up for leisure rides on the company's eight commercial choppers.

"It was a little more logistically difficult before because it couldn't be reserved. It was just on a walk-in basis previously," Minter explained of the new scenic service, which launched Friday.

If 10 minutes isn't enough, reservations can be made for a 20-minute flight along the West Vancouver coastline to Horseshoe Bay for $149, or take 30 minutes and go all the way to Squamish to see the Stawamus Chief for $199.

Prices are based on a minimum of three people per flight.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Prince George. Woman files complaint after police dog bites daughter

New Westminster police have been called to investigate a complaint about an RCMP dog biting a 12-year-old girl during an arrest in Prince George.

On May 11, police responded to a call of an attack on two women who were allegedly sprayed in the face with bear mace at a local carnival.

Mounties used a police dog to track an "armed suspect," which turned out to be the young girl. She was allegedly bitten on the leg during the arrest and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Police say they also recovered a can of bear spray at the scene of the arrest.

According to Pivot Legal Society lawyer Doug King, there should be a comprehensive review of the RCMP's training and deployment of police dogs.

"Sadly with the way that police dogs are currently trained throughout the province we should not be seeing this as an isolated incident," he said in a release. "In our opinion this was absolutely preventable."

Earlier this month, the girl's mother filed a complaint about the arrest. The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP was notified and the New Westminster Police Department confirmed Friday that they have sent four officers to Prince George to investigate.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

From Surrey to Seattle: Cyclists raise $11.2M for charity

More than 3,000 participants prepare to depart from Fraser Downs Racetrack and Casino in Surrey Saturday at the start of the fourth annual Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer. Participants cycled more than 200 kilometres to Seattle, raising $11.2 million for the B.C. Cancer Foundation. RON SOMBILON/CONTRIBUTED

Court grants terminally ill woman right to doctor-assisted suicide

Supreme Court. Judge says laws banning doctor-assisted suicide were discriminatory

A woman whose health is in dramatic decline is now eligible for a legal physician-assisted suicide after a B.C. Supreme Court judge struck down parts of Canada's law banning the practice.

But Gloria Taylor's plight is the exception in the pivotal ruling by Justice Lynn Smith, who has suspended her decision for a year to give Parliament a chance to change the laws and bring them in line with the Constitution.

Taylor, who has Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS, joined the legal action last year, saying she wanted the right to die with dignity and with the help of a doctor.

"She will be permitted to seek — and her physician will be permitted to proceed with — physician-assisted death under specified conditions," Smith said of Taylor in her ruling.

In her 395-page ruling, Smith said the laws banning doctor-assisted suicide were discriminatory, disproportionate and overbroad.

The ruling was immediately hailed by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and condemned by the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Taylor issued a statement through her lawyer saying she is relieved.

"I'm deeply grateful to have the comfort of knowing that I will have a choice at the end of my life," the statement said.

"This is a blessing for me..... It allows me to approach my death in the same way I've tried to live my life — with dignity, independence and grace."

But Dr. Will Johnston, with the prevention coalition, said the ruling is alarming and an appeal is expected.

"We would caution Canadians to be skeptical that they can achieve greater choice and greater autonomy at the end of their lives or at any other time of their lives by giving power and constitutional protection to those who would arrange your suicide or your death," he said at a news conference outside the courthouse.

"We think that this is naive." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rodney King dead at age 47

A symbol. King came to represent the anti-police-brutality movement

Rodney King has died at age 47. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Rodney King, the black motorist whose 1991 videotaped beating by Los Angeles police officers was the touchstone for one of the most destructive race riots in U.S. history, was found at the bottom of his swimming pool early on Sunday and later pronounced dead. He was 47.

King's fiancée called police at 5:25 a.m. to report that she found him in the pool at their home in Rialto, Calif., police Lt. Dean Hardin said.

Officers arrived to find King in the deep end of the pool and pulled him out.

King was unresponsive, and officers began resuscitation efforts until paramedics arrived. King was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 6:11 a.m.

Police Capt. Randy De Anda said King had been by the pool throughout the early morning and had been talking to his fiancée, who was inside the home at the time. A statement from police said the preliminary investigation indicates a drowning, with no signs of foul play. De Anda said there were no alcoholic beverages or paraphernalia found near the pool.

Authorities didn't identify the fiancée. King earlier said he was engaged to Cynthia Kelley, one of the jurors in the civil-rights case that gave King $3.8 million US in damages.

De Anda said King had another visitor that night but that person had left earlier.

A neighbour of King's said that at about 3 a.m. she heard music and people talking and what sounded like someone who was very emotional.

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Background

Notorious race riots of '92

The 1992 riots, which were set off by the acquittals of the officers who beat King, lasted three days and left 55 people dead, more than 2,000 injured and swaths of Los Angeles on fire. At the height of the violence, King pleaded on television: "Can we all get along?"

King was stopped for speeding on a darkened street on March 3, 1991. Four Los Angeles police officers hit him more than 50 times with their batons, kicked him and shot him with stun guns.

A man who had quietly stepped outside his home to observe the commotion videotaped most of it and turned a copy over to a TV station. It was played over and over for the following year, inflaming racial tensions across the country.

It seemed that the videotape would be the key evidence to a guilty verdict against the officers, whose trial was moved to the predominantly white suburb of Simi Valley, Calif. Instead, on April 29, 1992, a jury with no black members acquitted three of the officers; a mistrial was declared for a fourth.

Violence erupted immediately, starting in South Los Angeles.

Police, seemingly caught off-guard, were quickly outnumbered by rioters and retreated. As the uprising spread to the city's Koreatown area, shop owners armed themselves and engaged in running gun battles with looters.

During the riots, a white truck driver named Reginald Denny was pulled from his cab and beaten almost to death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN calls for removal of women, kids from Syria's hardest-hit areas

Protesters burn a banner of Bashar Assad, his brother Maher and Vladimir Putin in Lebanon. MOHAMMED ZAATARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The head of the UN observers' mission in Syria demanded Sunday that warring parties allow the evacuation of women, children, elderly and sick people endangered by the fighting in the besieged city of Homs and other combat zones.

Maj.-Gen. Robert Mood said the observers had been trying for the past week to extricate civilians and the wounded from the central city of Homs but had failed because neither government troops nor the rebels were willing to hold their fire.

"The parties must reconsider their position and allow women, children, the elderly and the injured to leave conflict zones without any preconditions and ensure their safety," Mood said in a statement. UN "attempts to extract civilians from the line of fire over the past week have been unsuccessful," he added.

"This requires willingness on both sides to respect and protect the human life of the Syrian people," Mood said.

UN observers have been trying for the past week to bring out more than 1,000 families and dozens of wounded trapped in Homs by heavily shelling of rebel-held areas for the past week. The offensive is part of a broader push by regime forces to regain rebel-held villages and towns.

On Saturday, the UN said the 300 observers based in Syria were suspending all missions because of concerns for their safety as fighting becomes more intense. But the monitors said they were remaining in the capital, Damascus.

A UN official said a team of observers had left for Homs, hoping to evacuate civilians. The official said the plan was to arrange a brief ceasefire during which civilians would have been evacuated from rebel-held areas of Homs. He said the mission was approved by the Syrian government.

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Egypt

Islamists, military claim authority

The Muslim Brotherhood declared Monday that its candidate, Mohammed Morsi, won the presidential election, even as the military handed themselves the lion's share of power over the new president, enshrining their hold on the state.

With parliament dissolved and martial law effectively in force, the generals made themselves the country's lawmakers, gave themselves control over the budget and will determine who writes the permanent constitution, which will shape Egypt's future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece

Second election favours euro

Fears of an imminent Greek exit from Europe's joint currency receded Sunday after the conservative New Democracy party came first in a critical election and pro-bailout parties won enough seats to form a joint government. As central banks stood ready to intervene in case of financial turmoil, Greece held its second national election in six weeks. With one party advocating ripping up Greece's multibillion-euro bailout deal, the election was seen as a vote on whether Greece should stay in the 17-nation joint euro currency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Radiohead 'shattered' by the death of drum technician in collapse

Downsview Park. Investigation into what led to death of one worker and injuries to three others said to be 'fairly complex'

People read a sign after a stage collapsed at Downsview Park, leaving one dead. NATHAN DENETTE/CP

Inspectors with Ontario's Ministry of Labour spent Saturday combing through the wreckage of a stage that collapsed earlier in the day during setup for a Radiohead concert in Toronto.

They're trying to find out what caused the stage to come crashing down on a handful of workers, killing one and injuring three others.

The falling debris crushed Scott Johnson, a drum technician in his 30s, whom the band called "a highly skilled and valued member" of its road crew.

Const. Tony Vella says another man who suffered non-life-threatening injuries is doing "much better" in hospital.

Ministry spokesman Matt Blajer says the massive structure is "still fairly unstable" and work is underway to make it safe.

He says investigators are looking to see whether safety regulations and standards were followed and staff were properly trained.

He says the investigation is "fairly complex" and it could take some time to figure out exactly what happened.

The sold-out show was cancelled before it even began, forcing ticketholders — many of them from out of town — to turn back.

There have been a number of stage collapses in recent years.

Six people died last August when the stage fell at a concert in Indianapolis, and five died when a storm toppled a stage at a festival in Belgium.

One person died in 2009 when a windstorm collapsed the stage at the Big Valley Jamboree in Alberta.

Radiohead said they will "miss" Johnson. "He was a lovely man, always positive, supportive and funny," the band said. "Our thoughts and love are with Scott's family."

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Protesters in no hurry to roll out welcome mat

A girl participates in a march Sunday against the upcoming visit of Iran's leader, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police probing sisters' deaths

A maid found two sisters from Quebec dead inside their hotel room on a popular resort island in southern Thailand, police confirmed Sunday.

Officials say the women did not appear to have been murdered and their belongings had not been taken.

Police were working to determine the cause of death of Noemi Belanger, 26, and her sister Audrey Belanger, 20, whose bodies were found Friday at the Phi Phi Palm Residence Hotel on Phi Phi Island, said police Lt. Col. Jongrak Pimthong.

"Police determined they were dead for about 24 hours prior to that and only found a lot of vomit in the room," he said.

The vomit, along with traces of blood on the women's faces, could be signs of a toxic reaction, police said. "There (were) neither signs of fighting nor robbery, but we found many kinds of over-the-counter drugs." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Israel prepares to deport thousands of refugees

Israel was forcing 120 South Sudanese to leave the country on Sunday, starting what could develop into deportation of thousands of unauthorized African migrants who have crossed into the Jewish state.

Some 60,000 impoverished Africans, most from Eritrea and Sudan, have slipped into Israel across its southern border with Egypt since 2005, fleeing repressive regimes and seeking work.

The influx has caused friction with Israeli locals, and several incidents recently turned violent.

Authorities, alarmed by the swelling numbers, say the migrants are a burden on the economy and threaten to undermine Israel's Jewish character.

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Tough toys. Mega Brands to battle Lego for top spot

Mega Brand Inc. chief executive Marc Bertrand, right, and his brother Vic Bertrand, chief innovation officer, show off some of the company's new products before their annual meeting in Montreal on Friday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A battle could be shaping up in the construction-toy aisles as Canadian toy maker Mega Brands takes a run at industry leader Lego by introducing a series of new products appealing to young girls, boys and adult collectors.

North American retailers are cautious about adding untested brands in the face of a weak Christmas buying season and continuing softness early in the year.

But Mega Brands CEO Marc Bertrand said Friday that the company has the products customers are looking for to drive sales and further expand the construction category, the toy industry's fastest-growing segment.

"We think the category's got a lot of room to grow," he said in an interview at the annual meeting in the sprawling building that houses its Montreal production facility.

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Arbitrator sides with Air Canada

Collective agreement. The deal maintains the defined-benefit pension plan for current employees but includes pension changes for new hires

Labour dispute

Air Canada has been engaged in an often-bitter labour dispute with most of its unionized employees in recent months.

- The resolution of outstanding labour contracts is being seen as significant because it could decide Air Canada's ability to launch a low-cost carrier — currently a top priority at the airline.

A long-standing labour dispute between Air Canada and its unionized repair and ramp crews came to an end on Sunday when a federal arbitrator sided with the country's largest carrier and selected its final offer to establish a collective agreement.

The new five-year deal marks an end to 14 months of negotiations and mediated talks between the Montreal-based airline and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

It also means there is only one of the airline's major unions that is still without a collective agreement. The airline's 3,000 pilots are still in the process of working through their dispute with a federal arbitrator.

The threat of a lockout of pilots, and a strike notice from the Machinists, had prompted the federal government to intervene with back-to-work legislation in both disputes. The law allowed federally appointed arbitrators to impose settlements within 90 days.

The deal imposed by arbitrator Michel Picher also contributes to the reduction of the pension deficit and establishes a protocol for the sustainability of the pension plan, taking into account any short-term funding pressures on the company, a statement from the airline said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Banking

Downgrades hit ING Bank of Canada

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Household debt hits new record

Canadian households have hit a dubious new record for debt. Fresh Statistics Canada data show the ratio of debt to personal disposable income rose to 152 per cent last quarter, up from 150.6 at the end of 2011.

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LIFE'S NOT QUITE A BEACH

URBAN COMPASS
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Let's get one thing straight. I like whales. Who doesn't?

They're the elephants of the sea, oversized yet graceful, downright awesome.

So when the carcass of the baby humpback whale washed up on a White Rock beach last week, it was a whale of an event.

Choppers, news crews and lookie-loos all congregated around the poor dead beast, and the story made all the front pages.

And if I had my editor's green visor on, I would have spared no expense to get the best story and pix and beat all the other guys during the news cycle.

Humpbacks have become rare in these parts, and it's good to see them back, even if it's only in carcass form, as the live ones do all kinds of interesting things.

They sing and slap the water with their giant fins, and do this very cool thing called breaching, making them the bucking broncos of the sea.

Excellent story!

But now that my tour of duty in the trenches of the news is almost done, I'm trying to regain a sense of proportion.

It ain't easy.

A whale of a tale

About 280 people die in the Lower Mainland every week, and most of them have to pay (or have their relatives pay) to get into the paper, buried beneath the auto ads, nowhere near the front page.

Here's the problem. When a human being dies, it doesn't cause nearly as much fuss. About 280 people die in the Lower Mainland every week, and most of them have to pay (or have their relatives pay) to get into the paper, buried beneath the auto ads, nowhere near the front page.

True, most of those people aren't 15 feet long, nor have they died slowly while tangled in a fishnet, but many have died from neglect, abuse, addiction, terminal depression and other just-as-newsworthy causes.

Some of them will be subject to inquests; others will end up in unmarked graves.

To me, each is more important than a whale, and their deaths more meaningful.

If you want to care about the unbearable lightness of being, there's plenty of raw material.

Babies, many of them human, die all the time.

Many die of starvation, which got the baby humpback.

Or maybe you should mourn the 300,000 other whales, dolphins and porpoises that die in fishing nets every year. Or the 100 million sharks and rays.

We're a bad combination of rapacious and careless, and the world's animals — including our own species — are the victims.

I guess you could say that baby humpback is a symbol of all that.

Just as long as it's not just another way to sentimentalize a savage world — and avoid doing anything about it.

Read more of Paul's columns at metronews.ca

The frog prince of Costa Rica

MEGAN LORENZ/REX FEATURES

Sarapiquí, Costa Rica

Rainforest frog woos photog with fungus

Is this delightful little frog actually a handsome prince in disguise? This sprightly red-eyed tree frog looks as if he is offering a flower to court someone. Photographer Megan Lorenz, who took this snap deep in the Costa Rican rainforest, explains to Metro the illusion behind the amusing scene.

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Megan Lorenz, 36
ANGIE MCKAIG

Photog on frog

- **Fungus.** "We (captured) a number of red-eyed tree frogs for this photo session (as they are normally nocturnal) before letting them go. The session was short, as I didn't want to negatively impact the frogs — they are delicate and have sensitive skin. This frog jumped onto the piece of wood I'd been using to photograph poison dart frogs, and briefly grabbed onto the fungi to steady himself. That allowed me just enough time for a quick burst of shots before he jumped onto another plant and tucked himself away on a leaf. When I looked at the image later, I was ecstatic — it looked as if it was presenting me with a beautiful red bloom. I was so happy to find that the focus was perfect and I'd been able to capture such a special moment."
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Worth mentioning

How much would you pay for fresh air?

As traditional measures of economic progress like GDP are criticized for ignoring downsides including pollution or diminishment of resources such as fresh water or fossil fuels, there has been an increased urgency to arguments for a more balanced and accurate reckoning of costs.

That is particularly so as fast-developing nations such as India and China jostle with rich nations for access to those resources and insist on their own right to pollute on a path toward growth.

Proponents of so-called "green accounting" — who will gather in Rio de Janeiro this week for the Rio Earth Summit — hope that putting dollar values on resources will slam the brakes on unfettered development.

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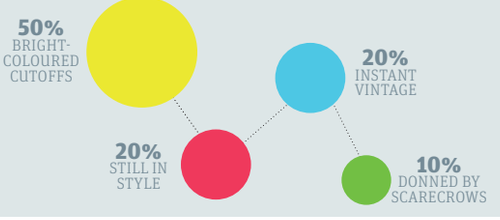

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Five great films from 1987

With the opening of Rock of Ages this weekend, we look back at some films that evoke the retro spirit of that heady era captured by the rock 'n' roll musical

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Full Metal Jacket

One of Stanley Kubrick's best, this Vietnam War drama lulls you in with its humour in the first half, then blows you away with its brutality in the second. Kubrick follows a group of Marines through boot-camp training, under the verbally abusive but hilariously profane watch of their demanding drill sergeant, played by R. Lee Ermey in the persona that would become his signature. Full Metal Jacket is raw and visceral in its details, yet surreal and dreamlike in its mood. And it provides an early glimpse of the intensity and immersion we've come to expect from Vincent D'Onofrio, committing himself completely here to the role of slow-witted private Gomer Pyle.

Raising Arizona

Found on the all-time favourites list of a few movie fanatics, this Coen brothers film is a great example of the off-kilter vibe that arose from their brief collaboration with then-cinematographer Barry Sonnenfeld. At times, this screwball comic romance feels like a live-action cartoon, with its odd characters and larger-than-life predicaments. The baby point-of-view shots alone give the movie both a playful energy and a genuine feeling of danger. It's silly and extremely stylized but it also works in its smaller moments, as evidenced by Nicolas Cage's quietly unhinged performance as a philosophical career criminal who promises to go straight and secure a baby for his yearning police-officer wife.

Moonstruck

Many have enjoyed the balance that director Norman Jewison and Oscar-winning screenwriter John Patrick Shanley strike here. This is a movie that's unabashedly old-fashioned and sweet but with a no-nonsense, slightly shaggy streak. Everyone feels what they feel so intensely, they must be under some sort of magical spell. And yet the film affectionately teases them for being the fools that they've become. Here's Cage again as a man full of impulses, driven by the passion he feels for the luminous Cher, who tries not to love him back because she's engaged to marry Cage's brother (Danny Aiello). Moonstruck is a romantic comedy for people who don't usually like romantic comedies.

Less Than Zero

A lurid depiction of the drugs and decadence of the time. Everyone on the other side of the hill from the San Fernando Valley was rich and sophisticated and stylishly tormented — at least through novelist Bret Easton Ellis' eyes. This early Robert Downey Jr. performance showed glimmers of the quick wit and emotional depth that continue to be his trademarks. Ed Lachmann's cinematography made sunny L.A. seem dangerous and seamy. And the film featured a great soundtrack, including The Bangles' insanely catchy cover of Hazy Shade of Winter and the LL Cool J classic Goin' Back to Cali.

Dirty Dancing

This is a nostalgic choice, admittedly. One could include something artsier and more respected like The Last Emperor, which won nine Oscars, including best picture. But looking back, which film left the most enduring mark on the culture, on the era? Of the five listed here, it's Dirty Dancing, far and away. Crowd-pleasing with an infectious energy and a vivid sense of place, this became an international phenomenon, and it's easy to see why. It's just a fun movie with great music and choreography. Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze are lovely together, even though on paper they make absolutely no sense as a couple. And we all learned that nobody puts Baby in a corner.

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SCENE

Box office

Animal instinct

Zoo animals remain hot at the box office. Singing stars and Adam Sandler are not. Ben Stiller and his voice co-stars of Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted held on to the No. 1 spot again with $35.5 million for the animated sequel's second weekend. Studio estimates Sunday put Ridley Scott's sci-fi adventure Prometheus at No. 2 again with $20.2 million. Madagascar 3 and Prometheus held off two underachieving newcomers. The star-studded musical Rock of Ages flopped at No. 3 with $15.1 million. Sandler's That's My Boy bombed with $13 million, the worst showing for one of his broad comedies since the mid-1990s.

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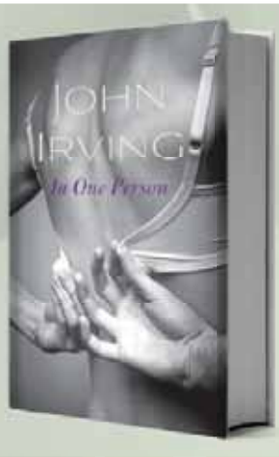

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Sorkin returns to prime-time with HBO drama The Newsroom

New TV series.
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For actor Jeff Daniels, working on HBO's latest series The Newsroom has been nothing short of a major holiday.

"Every two weeks the new script would come in and (co-star) Emily Mortimer and I would say it was like Christmas morning," said the star recently in New York about the workplace drama premiering June 24th on HBO Canada. "I never changed a word, never questioned anything, I always said thank you and (read dialogue) word-for-word."

It shouldn't necessarily be shocking that The Newsroom scripts were a dream come true for Daniels. After all, created and written by Hollywood heavyweight Aaron Sorkin (The West Wing), The Newsroom explores the machinations of mainstream media — in particular, a bombastic but highly-respected cable news anchor.

"There was talk of (former MSNBC journalist) Keith Olbermann," said Daniels of the rumoured inspiration for his character. "(But) there are a lot of angry Americans out there, and I think if it's based on anything, it's based on one of those people who just happens to be sitting in a cable news chair."

In the style of classic movies like Broadcast News or Network, The Newsroom also embraces the trappings of conventional cable television — a sentimental experiment given Sorkin's most recent success delving into the digital world with his Oscar-winning film The Social Network.

"People are nostalgic about not necessarily broadcast news the way it was done before. They're nostalgic about someone telling them the truth without spinning it," explained Daniels. "I've said that people are going to watch this and they're going to either jump out of their Barcalounger going, 'Hell, yeah' or they're going to jump out of their Barcalounger and throw a beer at the TV screen — and I think that's exactly what Aaron wants."

Quoted

- **The Newsroom star Jeff Daniels on the show's potential:** "I think worst-case, it'll be a good TV series, but I think it has a real chance to be something that matters, that's important. Something that makes people think, that challenges them."
- **Shooting in a real newsroom:** "(The set) was so authentic, you really thought you could put a satellite on top and broadcast to the world," Daniels said. "It also tells you HBO is serious about this, that they are pouring the money into it."

Jeff Daniels as anchor Will McAvoy in HBO's new series The Newsroom. HANDOUT

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Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan gets caught napping

Lindsay Lohan was the cause of another 911 scare when paramedics were summoned to her hotel room Friday morning, where she was discovered unconscious by crew for her Elizabeth Taylor biopic, Liz & Dick, according to TMZ.

Lohan recovered and was back to work in a few hours, avoiding any hospitalization.

"Lindsay worked a grueling schedule the past few days," her rep says in a statement, citing Lohan's working a reported 85 hours over four days.

"She took a nap before shooting her final scene. Producers were concerned when she did not come out of her room and called paramedics as a precaution. Lindsay was examined and is fine, but did suffer some exhaustion and dehydration."

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Beckham circus comes to Vancouver

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Hundreds of fans waited for hours at Holt Renfrew in downtown Vancouver Friday to catch a glimpse of former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham after her plane was delayed by a lengthy customs search.

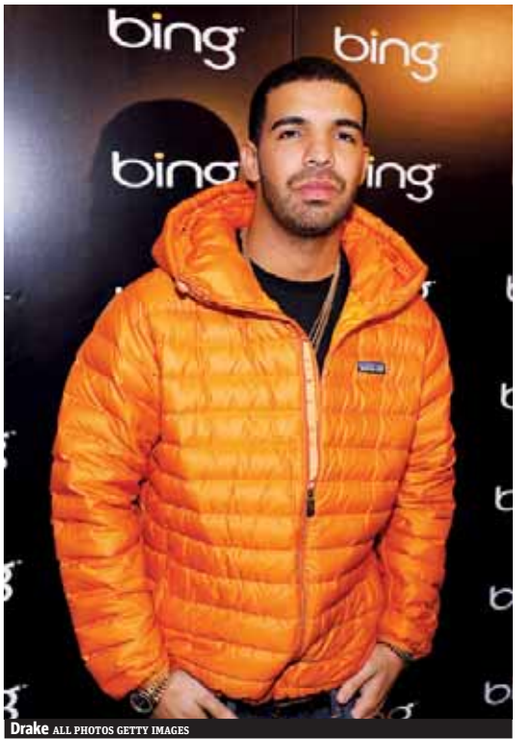
When Ms. Beckham finally arrived at 2:30 p.m., two hours after she was scheduled to appear, she posed for two-and-a-half minutes and then left as quickly as she came.

Courtney Hunter, who drove in from Langley and took the day off work just to see the waifish star, arrived before 11 a.m., but didn't seem to mind the wait.

"I've loved her since the Spice Girls but I'm a huge fashion fan, I went to school for that, so she's one of my style icons," she said of the visit.

"I know she's just going to be here for a few minutes, but it's kind of cool just to say that you saw her."

Beckham flew in to promote her namesake fashion line, which is carried only at Holt Renfrew in Canada.



Drake ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

More he said, she said in Drake vs. Brown battle

More details are emerging about the alleged altercation between Chris Brown and Drake at a New York club last week, according to TMZ.

Drake's camp has insisted the singer wasn't involved.

A released statement read, "Drake did not participate in any wrongdoing of any kind last night at W.i.P. He was on his way out of the club when the altercation began. He did not engage in any activity which resulted in injury to person or damage to property."

But Brown's lawyer claims to have evidence that Drake and his entourage were the aggressors.

So just what is that evidence?

A source claims a note exists that was sent from Drake's table to Brown's table reading, "I am f—ing the love of your life."

The alleged note refers to Brown's former and Drake's current lover, Rihanna.

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Dads play a major role in the movie What to Expect When You're Expecting. They are also increasingly staying at home off-screen. LIONSGATE, MELISSA MOSELEY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The gap between at-work and at-home dads

Debate. It isn't quite mommy wars, but there are issues for men who stay home with their children

Whether they say it out loud or acknowledge it at all, that work-home divide traditionally reserved for the mommy wars can also rear between dads who go off to the office every day and the kind in the trenches with the kids.

There are bound to be rifts, given the growing league of dads staying home at least part-time. But do the paths of work dads and home dads intertwine enough to make them care quite so deeply as the ladies? How exactly are they perceived by each other?

"To be a stay-at-home dad requires a lot of confidence in who you are," said Paxton Helms, 41, in Washington.

He became one about four years ago, when his daughter was three months old. A son followed and he now takes part-time contracts as an international development consultant, with flexible hours. His wife also works part-time. "The strangest thing that ever happened to me as a (stay-at-home dad) was riding on the Metro with both my kids and a guy asking me, 'So where's Mom?' I couldn't even think why in the world somebody would be asking me that question, so I couldn't even muster an answer," he said.

SUSPICION OVER WIVES, LAYOFFS

Other at-home dads worry about jealousy from working brethren. Or suspicion that they're out of work. And dads on both sides of the divide report the occasional cold shoulder.

"It seems that they try to avoid me or don't want to talk about what life is like for them," said dad-of-one Donald DeLong, 55, a Bloomfield Township, Mich., an attorney who acknowledges a "deeply rooted need to work and earn a living."

"When I do talk to them, the topics stay guy-safe. That is, sports, cars. After all we're both still guys."

Other at-home dads, those by choice or pushed out of the job market, said they've endured some snark, but they consider it more of a dad-on-dad discomfort than a divide.

Martin Weckerlein, 33, is among them. He simply doesn't have the time to care. He was a tank commander in the German military, then a bank worker for six years before he gave it up to be an at-home for his three kids, ages eight, three and nine months.

"When I'm with other dads who are my age, they tend to be pretty accepting and even curious as to how that works that we can afford me staying home, what I do during the day with the kids, and they say it must be nice to have that time," he said.

"When I am talking with men who aren't fathers or who are older, their questions usually focus on what my career goals are after I am done being home with my kids. They seem to assume this is only a temporary thing for our family, a pause in my career for a few years, instead of an investment in our family," Weckerlein explained.

THE STEREOTYPES

Yes, Mr. Mom comes up, the newest iteration in the shape of Chris Rock and his goofy band of dads with infants strapped to their chests in the movie What to Expect When You're Expecting.

It's been nearly 30 years since Michael Keaton was that guy on screen, setting the kitchen on fire and making his kids miserable in Mr. Mom, but the lingering moniker feels more like yesterday for Weckerlein and other at-home dads.

"I hate that phrase Mr. Mom. I can't imagine my wife going into the office and saying, 'Hi everyone, it's Mrs. Dad,"' said Dan Zevin, a humourist, at-home dad to two and author of a new book, Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad.

The number of at-home dads who are primary caregivers for their children reached nearly two million in 2010, or one in 15 fathers, according to one estimate. Al Watts, president of the National At-Home Dad Network, believes a more accurate count is about seven million, using broader definitions that include part-time workers. That amounts to one-third of married fathers in the U.S.

Most, he said, want to be there, as opposed to the kind who never thought about it until the axe fell on their careers. And more often than women, they do earn a bit of income at the same time, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statistics

A shift in the Canadian family fabric

Figures from Statistics Canada reveal a steady increase in the number of stay-at-home dads in recent years.

Last year, the majority of the 2.7 million couples with at least one child under 16 living at home were dual-earners. But one in five of those families had one employed parent and one stay-at-home parent.

Of those, 12 per cent, or about 61,000 families, saw the man stay home. That was up from 10 per cent in 2006, seven per cent in 1996 and four per cent in 1986.

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Black female doctors see hope in kids' TV show Doc McStuffins and its wanna-be girl M.D.

A Canadian dad's story

Joining the ranks

When Kevin Pratt's wife, Sue, was offered a promotion, the couple faced a decision as they weighed careers and the need for child care.

"We decided it made sense if one of us were to stay home," he recalls.

It's been a year since the father from British Columbia joined the swelling ranks of Canadian stay-at-home dads. While balancing his role as caregiver to daughters Ruby, 4, and Annie, 2, Pratt documents his adventures in parenting on his blog, Cosmic Dad.

But it was only after last Christmas that Pratt says he started to feel more confident in his new role. "I felt more like, 'This is what I'm doing, and I'm happy and proud of what I'm doing.'"

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Stay at home dad Kevin Pratt.
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Take your taste buds to Thailand with Pad Thai Salad

This recipe goes great with picnic fare. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

The noodles, chicken and vegetables in this Easy Pad Thai Salad make it as natural as a tasty main course for a picnic.

If you're looking to trim some of the sodium from the dressing, use sodium-reduced soy sauce.

1. Soak noodles for 5 minutes in enough boiling water to cover. Drain and rinse under cold water until cool; drain well.

2. Meanwhile, whisk lime juice with ketchup, oil, soy sauce and sugar.

3. Toss drained noodles with chicken, bean sprouts, carrot, celery and red pepper. Add dressing and toss to coat.

4. Toss cilantro with green onion and peanuts, if using; sprinkle over salad just before serving. Serve with lime wedges on the side.

Ingredients

4 to 6 portions

- 250 g (8 oz) medium-width rice vermicelli noodles
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh lime juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) each ketchup and canola oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 750 ml (3 cups) cooked chicken breast, sliced into strips
- 500 ml (2 cups) bean sprouts
- 250 ml (1 cup) each thinly sliced carrot, celery and red pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) each chopped fresh cilantro leaves, green onion and chopped peanuts (optional)
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After the BBQ is done

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What can I do with old BBQ propane tanks?
Luke of Toronto

After the eating is done, there is still work to be had. ISTOCK PHOTOS

We're well into barbecue season, something you'll know if you've made the annual mistake of running out of propane.

Propane tanks are refillable but sometimes you might need to get rid of an old one.

If so, remember that they are recyclable.

In Toronto, propane tanks are considered household hazardous waste, so check out Toronto.ca/garbage to find a drop-off depot near you.

Expired refillable propane tanks can be taken to most landfills, transfer stations, and many propane dealers. The tanks must be empty.

Unfortunately, non-refillable, single-use tanks like those camping propane containers are no longer accepted at most landfills and transfer stations.

It turns out that it's too difficult and expensive to recycle them — something to consider if you're upgrading to a new model of a camping stove.

Some metal recyclers take disposable propane tanks, but they should be empty with the valves removed.

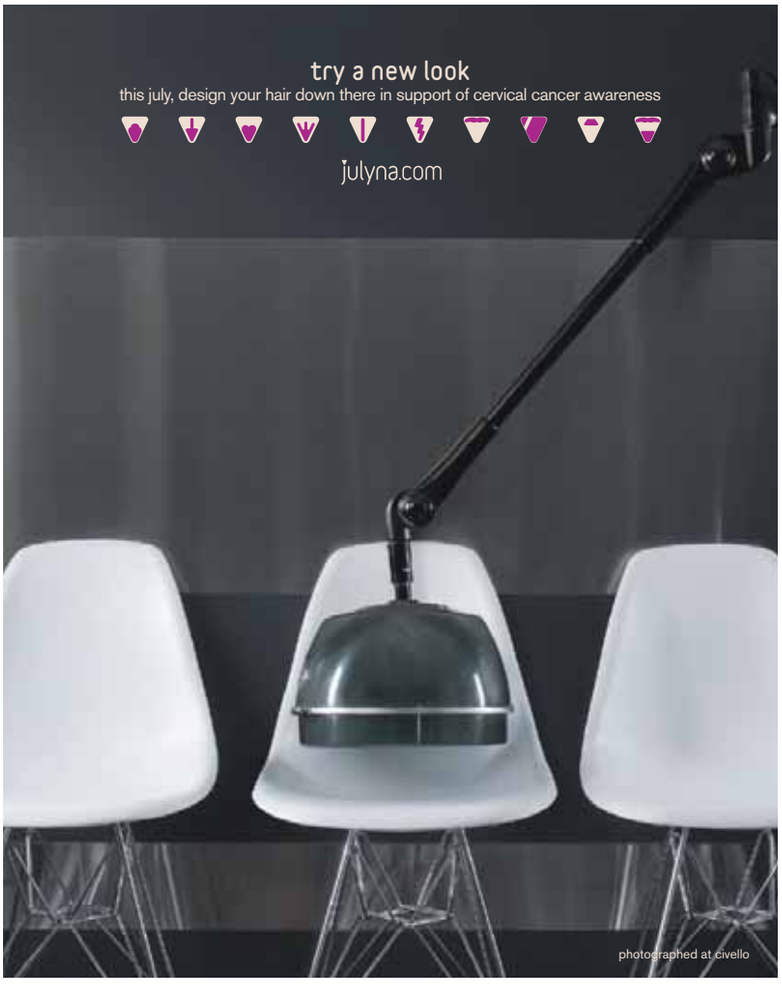
If you haven't already, make the switch to refillable propane tanks.

And never place a pressurized container into your garbage. When getting your barbecue ready for the season, why not clean the grill with some simple eco-friendly ingredients?

Once a year, remove the grill from the barbecue, sprinkle baking soda or washing soda all over the grates, and then immerse it in a tub of warm water.

Note: washing soda is more caustic then baking soda, so you might want to use gloves.

Soak the grill overnight, if possible. Scrub it with a sponge and give it a final wash with liquid Castile soap or eco-friendly dish soap. Rinse and dry.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Duff's advice to someone thinking about starting a new business?

"There are very few new ideas, just twists on what has worked in the past. If you think you know it all, you are wrong. Don't be afraid to ask for help and always trust your gut feeling. Your morals and your gut will tell you if it's the right thing to do or not."

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Duff's advice

Business tips

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Sally, a beagle, sits on Jamie Silverman's lap as she works with Jared Shechtman at the office of Extrovertic in Manhattan. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woof-worthy. Dogs are said to create a productive atmosphere and act as a calming force when things get stressful

Like any new addition to an office, Dolly had an adjustment period. The hardest part: learning not to bark at the mailman.

Dolly is one of millions of dogs that accompany their owners to dog-friendly businesses every day. Even more will join her this Friday for Take Your Dog to Work Day.

"I consider it a benefit like health care. It's a huge attraction," said Dolly's owner Erin McCormack, who works at Authentic Entertainment in Los Angeles as a producer on the Disney Channel's Auction Kings.

"It's such a great way to create a productive atmosphere. It makes the environment more conducive to creativity," she said, at a company that produces shows like the Food Network's The Best Thing I Ever Ate, TLC's Toddlers & Tiaras and Bravo's Flipping Out.

At the same time, McCormack added, "They are a calming force. When things get stressful, you can lean down and pet your dog or take a walk and pet a nearby dog. You get a more efficient workplace; one that's not consumed with stress."

One in five offices was dog-friendly in 2006, according to according to the American Pet Products Association. That number is probably holding steady if you include one-person offices, work-at-home pet owners and retail shops, said Len Kain, co-founder and editor of DogFriendly.com, which lists dog-friendly companies in every state.

Some of the nation's largest employers are dog-friendly — like Google Inc. and Amazon.com."Engineering and software companies are often the type of company that is pet-friendly," Kain said. "These companies have trouble finding people with the skills they need and do not want to lose these employees."

Extrovertic, a health care communications agency with 40 employees and offices in New York City and Cambridge, Mass., tested the waters last year with Take Your Dog to Work Day. On June 22 this year, it is sponsored by North Carolina-based Pet Sitters International to promote adoption.

The experiment was so successful that the company went dog-friendly and Sally, a five-year-old rescued beagle owned by supervising account manager Jared Shechtman, became Take Your Dog to Work Day's poster dog.

"We are a small agency. We want to be different. We want the quality of our employees' lives to be better than they would get at a bigger agency. Having dogs in the office is another way of saying, 'We are different and we care about you,"' said company CEO Dorothy Wetzel.

Fifteen to 20 of the 120 employees or freelancers working at Authentic Entertainment bring their dogs to work, said co-founder and executive producer Lauren Lexton.

Lexton and Tom Rogan decided to let people bring dogs to work when they founded the company, because "it always felt right. Dogs give a softer element to everyday work and there is something about having them around that makes people happy."

When you have great people, you want to keep them forever, she explained, so if they have a dog that's used to coming to work, the person is less likely to accept a better job offer if it comes along.

Having animals around also encourages camaraderie, McCormack said. "Dogs automatically break down barriers. They are automatic conversation starters and ice breakers."

Dolly's favourite part of coming to work is the attention, McCormack said. At home, she plays second-fiddle to a three-year-old. At work, Dolly is Miss November in a calendar featuring employee dogs as characters on their shows. "She is the toast of the town," McCormack said.

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Tennis

Nestor and Mirnyi win again

Canada's Daniel Nestor and partner Max Mirnyi of Belarus topped Bob and Mike Bryan 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles final of the Queen's Club tournament Sunday, beating the American twins for the second straight week.

The top seeds backed up their French Open win eight days ago on clay in Paris with a grass-court victory and Wimbledon just around the corner.

At the Gerry Weber Open in Germany on Sunday, wild card Tommy Haas defeated five-time winner Roger Federer 7-6 (5), 6-4.

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NFL

Tomlinson to retire a Charger

LaDainian Tomlinson's brilliant NFL career will officially end when he ceremoniously rejoins the San Diego Chargers for a day.

The Chargers said Sunday that Tomlinson, who was the NFL MVP in 2006 with San Diego and is the fifth-leading rusher in league history, will re-sign with the team on Monday and then announce his retirement.

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LaDainian Tomlinson
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Rugby

Canadian U20s face massive test

Canada's under-20 rugby team faces a tough test against a physical Georgia side Monday in the opening match for both countries at the IRB's World Rugby Trophy in Salt Lake City.

Georgia placed third as tournament host last year and was a 39-8 winner over Canada, which finished fifth.

"A massive test," said Canadian coach Mike Shelley, whose team arrived Thursday in Utah.

The eight-team tournament represents the second tier of the International Rugby Board's men's under-20 competition.

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Dwyane Wade drives for a shot attempt in Game 3 of the NBA finals Sunday in Miami. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

James' hot hand pushes Heat ahead

NBA. Miami takes 2-1 lead over Oklahoma City and is two wins away from a title

Game 3

Heat	Thunder
91	85

LeBron James and the Heat remember the pain from a year ago.

They needed two wins for a title and never got another, their superstar player coming up small in the biggest moments — a finals failure for which James has accepted the blame.

He seems determined not to let it happen again.

James had 29 points and 14 rebounds, and the Miami Heat took a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals with a 91-85 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night. Dwyane Wade had 25 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Heat, who were in this same position through three games last year, then didn't win again against the Dallas Mavericks.

"We carry that pain with us," the Heat's Chris Bosh said. "We think about it every day and that really helps us to succeed in this series."

James' poor performance was part of the problem then, but he seems on top of his game this time.

His three-pointer sent the Heat to the fourth quarter with the lead and he scored five straight Miami points when the Heat were building just enough cushion to hold off another late flurry by the Thunder.

Kevin Durant had 25 points for the Thunder, but picked up his fourth foul in the third quarter and had to sit when they seemed to have control of the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Big-time player makes big-time plays on the big stage." James Jones of the Miami Heat, on teammate LeBron James

Webb Simpson poses with the championship trophy.
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Golf. Simpson rises above past champions

Webb Simpson won the U.S. Open and put two more names into the graveyard of champions.

Overlooked for so much of the week, Simpson emerged on a fog-filled Sunday at the Olympic Club with four birdies around the turn and a tough chip out of a hole to the right of the 18th green that he converted into par for a 2-under 68.

He finished at 1-over 281, and it was enough to outlast former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell.

Furyk bogeyed two of his last three holes. McDowell had a 25-foot birdie on the 18th to force a playoff, but it never had a chance.

Olympic is known as the "graveyard of champions" because proven major winners who were poised to win the U.S. Open have lost to the underdog. One of those was Arnold Palmer in 1966, when he lost a seven-shot lead on the back nine.

Perhaps it was only fitting that the 25-year-old Simpson went to Wake Forest on an Arnold Palmer scholarship.

"Arnold has been so good to me," Simpson said. "Just the other day, I read that story and thought about it. He's meant so much to me and Wake Forest. Hopefully, I can get a little back for him and make him smile."

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4 SPORTS

Tennis

"I agree I do a mistake, but sometimes everybody do a mistake and I didn't feel it had to end like that, especially in a final."

David Nalbandian was disqualified from the Queen's Club final after injuring a line judge during the match on Sunday, giving Marin Cilic of Croatia the title. The 10th-seeded Argentine kicked the small barrier surrounding the line judge in anger after dropping his serve to the sixth-seeded Cilic at 3-3 in the second set. A piece of the barrier then hit the line judge, causing bleeding on his left shin. As a result, Nalbandian, who had been leading Cilic 7-6 (3), 3-4 when the incident occurred, defaulted the match.

On the web

Confusion reigned after Saturday's IndyCar race in Milwaukee, when a mistaken penalty to driver Scott Dixon overshadowed a win by Ryan Hunter-Reay. Scan the code for the story.

Star attraction lives up to billing as Portugal advances

Netherlands bows out. Ronaldo's two goals end Dutch's championship hopes, while Germany finishes atop Group B

Portugal and Germany advanced to the European Championship quarter-finals on Sunday, with the tournament's star attraction finally coming alive.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice, and saw two shots strike the post, in an outstanding display as Portugal came from behind to win 2-1 against the Netherlands. The 2010 World Cup finalist exited Euro 2012 after three straight losses.

Germany also progressed as Group B winner, beating Denmark 2-1 to complete a perfect three-win record.

Portugal will play Czech Republic in the first quarter-final in Warsaw on Thursday. "Now, everything is possible," Ronaldo said.

Germany faces Greece in Gdansk on Friday for a match with political overtones as Euro 2012 plays out amid a financial crisis in the eurozone.

Ronaldo arrived at Euro 2012 amid doubts over his record at major tournaments, and despite a prolific scoring season with Spanish champion Real Madrid.

The Portugal captain disappointed in his first two matches in Ukraine — and gave an emphatic response Sunday.

"Ronaldo got so much criticism in the last game and he is back now," Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk said. "That is how fast things can change."

The Dutch took an 11th-minute lead, chasing the two-goal victory they needed to have any chance of advancing. Captain Rafael van der Vaart scored with a curling left-foot shot.

When Ronaldo's shot five minutes later brushed the outside of a post, his rueful expression suggested he still lacked confidence.

His defiant swagger returned after scoring in the 28th, timing his run perfectly before slotting the ball past Netherlands goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

Portugal then dominated against a lineup set up to attack and struggling to defend.

Ronaldo scored the winner in the 74th, calmly finishing off a rapid counterattack. He was denied a hat-trick when a 25-metre shot rebounded back off a post.

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Quoted

"We could have been eliminated and that was on our minds."

Germany coach Joachim Loew

Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal celebrates scoring his second goal during a Euro 2012 Group B match against the Netherlands on Sunday in Kharkov, Ukraine. LARS BARON/GETTY IMAGES

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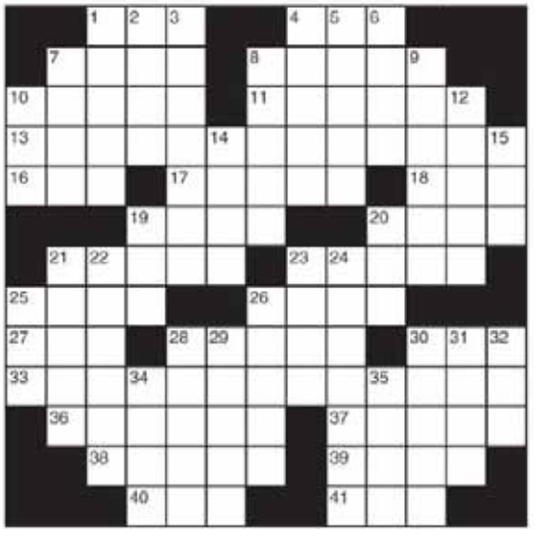
Crossword

Across

1 Year-end abbr.
4 Tavern
7 Check
8 Hears the alarm
10 Winter warmer
11 Not digital
13 Brief showbiz gig
16 "Once Upon a Mattress" prop
17 Bullwinkle, e.g.
18 Kanga's offspring
19 Nil
20 Surrounds, with "in"
21 Tolerate
23 Part of LED
25 Drop (down)
26 Mysterious character
27 Tier
28 Praises highly
30 Old French coin
33 Tiny villages
36 Wipes out
37 Pica alternative
38 Dictator's aide
39 As well
40 Mound stat
41 "— Boot"

Down

1 Chopped into cubes
2 Carolina college
3 Asserted
4 Suit component
5 Soviet proclamation
6 4-Down accessory
7 Treat for Fido
8 Rodeo rider's yell
9 Took to the skies
10 Stocky steed
12 Travelocity mascot
14 "An Inconvenient Truth" name
15 Two, in Tijuana
19 Energy
20 Weeding tool
21 Unescorted
22 Viny shelters
23 Ranch visitor
24 As an alternative
25 Favorable voter
26 — -Japanese War
28 Last-place finisher
29 Sports venue
30 Popular cheese
31 Aware of
32 Work with
34 Detest
35 Earthenware pot



Sudoku

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8		2		4			3	
9				3	7	1		
	4		9	5				3
2		6				4		8
7				2	8		1	
		7	8	9				1
	8			1		7		6
5	3	1	7					

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

6	5	2	3	4	7	9	1	8
4	9	8	1	5	2	3	7	6
3	1	7	9	6	8	2	4	5
8	3	6	7	1	4	5	9	2
1	2	9	8	3	5	4	6	7
7	4	5	6	2	9	8	3	1
2	6	3	4	8	1	7	5	9
5	7	1	2	9	3	6	8	4
9	8	4	5	7	6	1	2	3

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

GJY RLDUKNSB ZO RJDRF-
MIKK DM OSNFYO. Z
OIUUDOY CDI HZVJG ONC ZG'
O MNLHYB NSB BNSVYLDIO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU DO NOT WIN A WEIGHT-LOSS CONTEST, COULD YOU SAY YOU WERE BEATEN BY A SLIM MARGIN?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You may be tempted to make a decision about your family life that will mean many major changes over the next 12 months. Wait.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Take extra care when dealing with money. The approaching new moon may tempt you to take the kind of risks that you would usually strive to avoid

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Other people may be dragging their feet and making life difficult for you but there's good news too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have been feeling vulnerable of late but when the Sun moves into your birth sign on Wednesday your confidence will return with a vengeance.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. When the Sun changes signs the day after tomorrow you will be more concerned with inner issues than what is going on in the world around you

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may feel that a change of direction is necessary, and you may be right, but don't make it anything too drastic.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A change of direction is very much on the cards – if you're decisive.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Major decisions concerning your financial situation will have to be made over the next few days.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Even if you are the most logical Sagittarius who ever lived your emotions will lead you today.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If you don't want to come out and play today that's fine – you are under no obligation to socialize just because friends or work colleagues think you should.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You have achieved much in recent weeks, so don't spoil it now by taking silly risks

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. One of the best times of the year is about to begin but it will be even better if you resolve a domestic situation that has been sapping your emotional energy for too long

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